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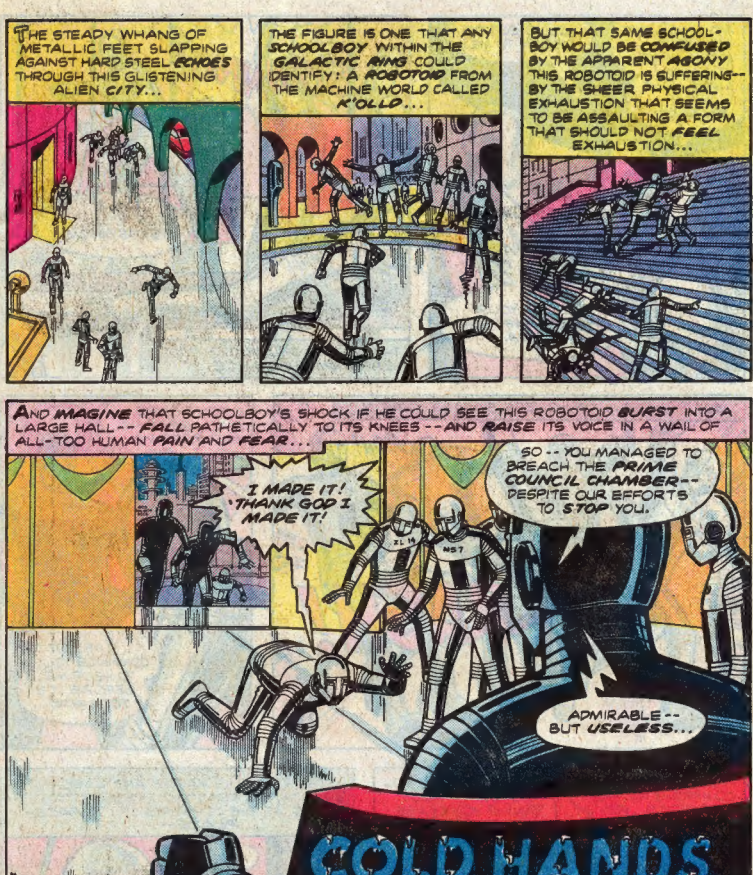
THE STEADY WHANG OF METALLIC FEET SLAPPING AGAINST HARD STEEL ECHOES THROUGH THIS GLISTENING ALIEN CITY...
THE FIGURE IS ONE THAT ANY SCHOOLBOY WITHIN THE GALACTIC RIMS COULD IDENTIFY: A ROBOTOID FROM THE MACHINE WORLD CALLED K'OLLD...
BUT THAT SAME SCHOOLBOY WOULD BE CONFUSED BY THE APPARENT AGONY THIS ROBOTOID IS SUFFERING--BY THE SHEER PHYSICAL EXHAUSTION THAT SEEMS TO BE ASSAULTING A FORM THAT SHOULD NOT FEEL EXHAUSTION...
AND IMAGINE THAT SCHOOLBOY'S SHOCK IF HE COULD SEE THIS ROBOTOID BURST INTO A LARGE HALL--FALL PATHETICALLY TO ITS KNEES--AND RAISE ITS VOICE IN A WAIL OF ALL-TOO HUMAN PAIN AND FEAR...
I MADE IT! THANK GOD I MADE IT!
SO--YOU MANAGED TO BREACH THE PRIME COUNCIL CHAMBER--DESPITE OUR EFFORTS TO STOP YOU.
ADMIRABLE--BUT USELESS...
J-6694
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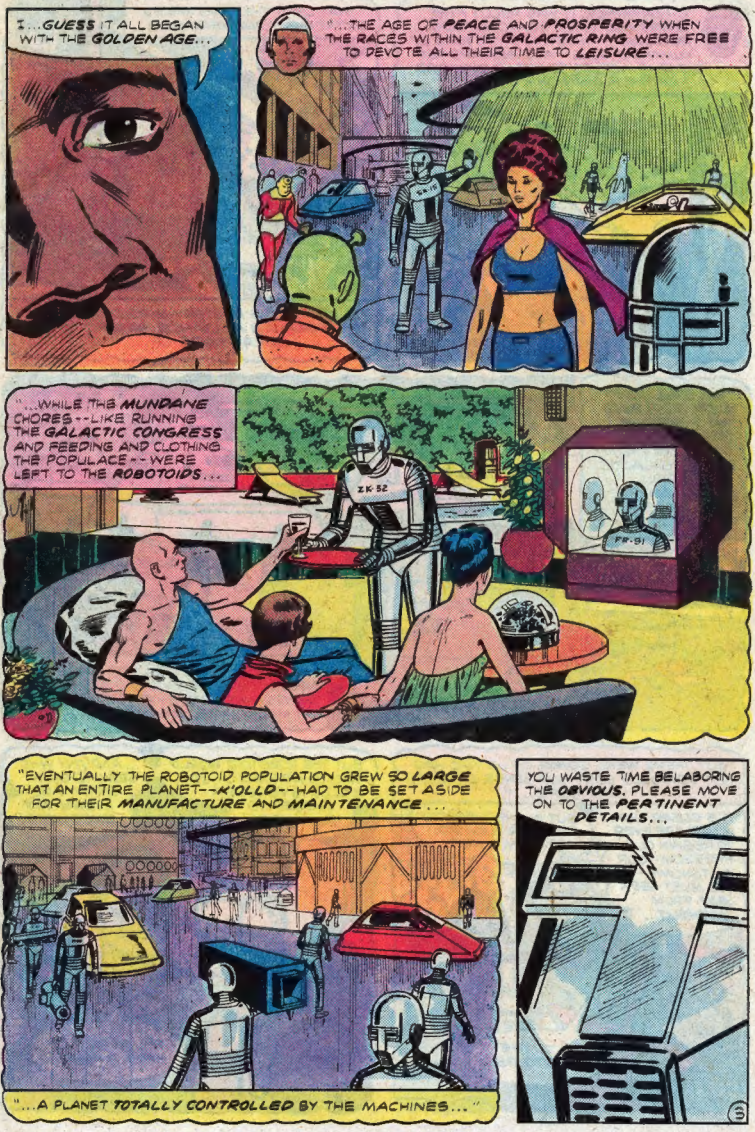
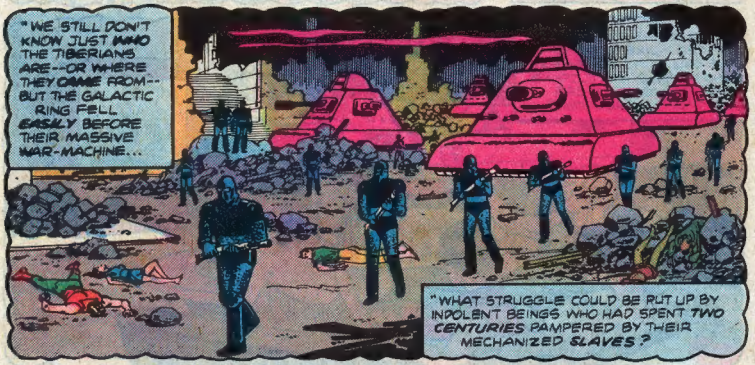
NO! YOU CAN'T TURN YOUR BACK ON ME! TOO MANY LIVES HANG IN THE BALANCE!
YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN TO ME!
REMOVE YOUR APPENDAGES FROM MY FORM...
SPANNNG!
...I FIND YOUR TOUCH... DISTASTEFUL...
THE BLOW IS DELIVERED WITH NEAR INDIFFERENCE...
...BUT THE RESULT IS NO LESS SAVAGE FOR IT...
PZ-13
MN-4
FR-7
HM-17
KRASH!
I DON'T CARE... IF YOU BEAT ME... AND BEAT ME... UNTIL I...DIE...
AB-99
...I'VE GOT TO CONVINCE YOU... TO HELP ME... BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...
YOU DO NOT SEEM TO COMPREHEND THE CONCEPT OF... DE-FEAT--THAT IS MOST CURIOUS.
I WILL PERMIT YOU TO SPEAK-- BUT ONLY IF YOU CEASE MASQUERADING AS THAT WHICH YOU ARE NOT...
WITH TREMBLING HANDS AND LABORED BREATH, THE ROBOTOID PRESSES TWO STUDS AT THE CORNERS OF ITS FACE-PLATE--
THERE!
W-17
--AND REVEALS THAT IT IS NOT MACHINE ...BUT MAN.


I...GUESS IT ALL BEGAN WITH THE GOLDEN AGE...
"...THE AGE OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY WHEN THE RACES WITHIN THE GALACTIC RING WERE FREE TO DEVOTE ALL THEIR TIME TO LEISURE...
"...WHILE THE MUNDANE CHORES--LIKE RUNNING THE GALACTIC CONGRESS AND FEEDING AND CLOTHING THE POPULACE--WERE LEFT TO THE ROBOTOIDS...
ZK-52
FR-91
"EVENTUALLY THE ROBOTOID POPULATION GREW SO LARGE THAT AN ENTIRE PLANET--K'OLLD--HAD TO BE SET ASIDE FOR THEIR MANUFACTURE AND MAINTENANCE...
"...A PLANET TOTALLY CONTROLLED BY THE MACHINES..."
YOU WASTE TIME BELABORING THE OBVIOUS. PLEASE MOVE ON TO THE PERTINENT DETAILS...
3

"C-CERTAINLY. IT WAS ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO WHEN THE ROBOTOIDS... REVOLTED -- THREW OFF THE YOKE OF HUMANOID RULE -- AND ABANDONED THE RING WORLDS TO SET UP AN EMPIRE OF THEIR OWN ON K'OLLD.

"THAT LEFT THE RING RACES EXTREMELY VULNERABLE...
"...A FACT THE MYSTERY-SHROUDED RACES OF THE TIBERIAN ALLIANCE SAW FIT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF...


"WE STILL DON'T KNOW JUST WHO THE TIBERIANS ARE -- OR WHERE THEY CAME FROM -- BUT THE GALACTIC RING FELL EASILY BEFORE THEIR MASSIVE WAR-MACHINE...
"WHAT STRUGGLE COULD BE PUT UP BY INDOLENT BEINGS WHO HAD SPENT TWO CENTURIES PAMPERED BY THEIR MECHANIZED SLAVES?

"BUT THERE WERE SOME OF US WHO HAD NOT TOTALLY LOST OUR SENSE OF WORTH -- AND HOPE..."
IT'S CLEAR THAT IF WE ARE EVER TO REGAIN OUR FREEDOM -- OUR AUTONOMY -- WE MUST SEEK AID FROM WITHOUT...
BUT WHO IS THERE TO PROFFER SUCH AID, ABRAHAM RYAN?
ONLY... THE ROBOTOIDS...

BUT THE ROBOTOID WORLD WANTS NO PART OF US! K'OLLD IS FOREVER CLOSED TO HUMANOIDS!
... AND ANY WHO SEEK TO GAIN ENTRY ARE INSTANTLY EXECUTED!
TRUE. BUT... I HAVE A PLAN...

"IT WAS A PLAN THAT COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THOSE WHO HAD NOT *TOTALLY* EMBRACED THE DOGMA OF OUR *AGE*--THOSE WHO HAD NOT WISHED TO LIVE IN THE LAP OF ROBOTOID *LUXURY*...

"...THOSE WHO HAD KEPT THEIR MINDS *ALIVE* TO THE CHALLENGES OF *SCIENCE* AND *PHILOSOPHY*...

"TOGETHER WE CREATED MY *ROBOTOID SHELL*--THE SHELL THAT WOULD FOOL EVEN THE SUPER-SENSITIVE, BIO-SCANNERS ON *K'OLLD*...

"TOUCHING DOWN IN THE DESOLATE EXPANSE OF DESERT ON THE *FAR SIDE* OF K'OLLD--

"--I BECAME THE FIRST LIVING BEING TO *VIOLATE* THIS NON-HUMAN PLANET...

"UNFORTUNATELY WE HAD NOT BEEN QUITE AS *TECHNOLOGICALLY ADEPT* AS WE HAD ASSUMED. TODAY--WHEN I WAS FINALLY *CLOSE* TO THE PRIME COUNCIL CHAMBER--ONE OF MY DETECTION SCREENS *MALFUNCTIONED*...

HW-17

RC-6

"...I WAS *EXPOSED*...

THE REST YOU *KNOW*.

ALL TOO *WELL*!

DO YOU REALLY PRESUME TO CONVINCE *US* TO *HELP* YOU?! DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT WE ROBOTOIDS WILL COME TO THE AID OF THOSE WHO *ENSLAVED* US FOR *CENTURIES*?!

AB-99

TR-18

B-7

IF YOU *DO*, ABRAHAM RYAN--THEN YOU ARE UNDOUBTEDLY...

AB-99

...A FOOL!

ZZKKTT!

B-WASSH

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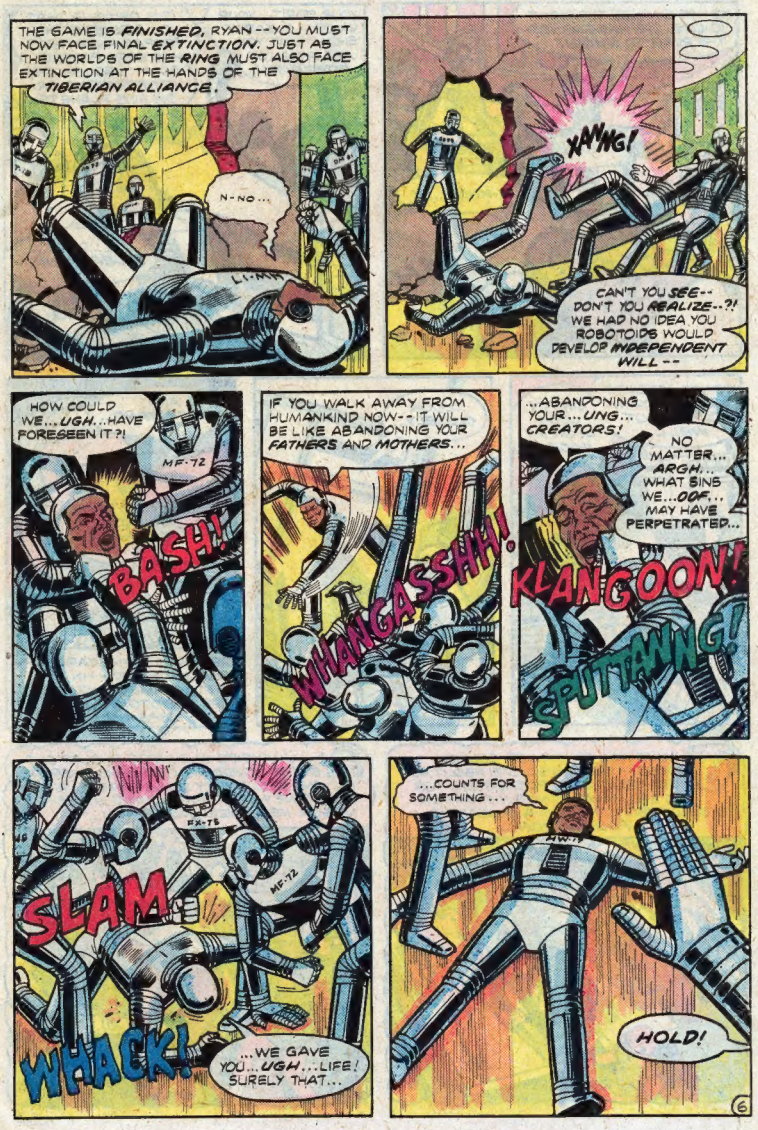
THE GAME IS FINISHED, RYAN--YOU MUST NOW FACE FINAL EXTINCTION. JUST AS THE WORLDS OF THE RING MUST ALSO FACE EXTINCTION AT THE HANDS OF THE TIBERIAN ALLIANCE.
N-NO...
XANG!
CAN'T YOU SEE--DON'T YOU REALIZE--?! WE HAD NO IDEA YOU ROBOTOIDS WOULD DEVELOP INDEPENDENT WILL--
HOW COULD WE...UGH...HAVE FORESEEN IT?!
MF-72
BASH!
IF YOU WALK AWAY FROM HUMANKIND NOW--IT WILL BE LIKE ABANDONING YOUR FATHERS AND MOTHERS...
WHANGASSHH!
...ABANDONING YOUR...UNG... CREATORS!
NO MATTER... ARGH... WHAT SINS WE...OOF... MAY HAVE PERPETRATED...
KLANGOON!
SPUTTANNG!
SLAM
FX-75
MF-72
WHACK!
...WE GAVE YOU...UGH...LIFE! SURELY THAT...
...COUNTS FOR SOMETHING...
HOLD!
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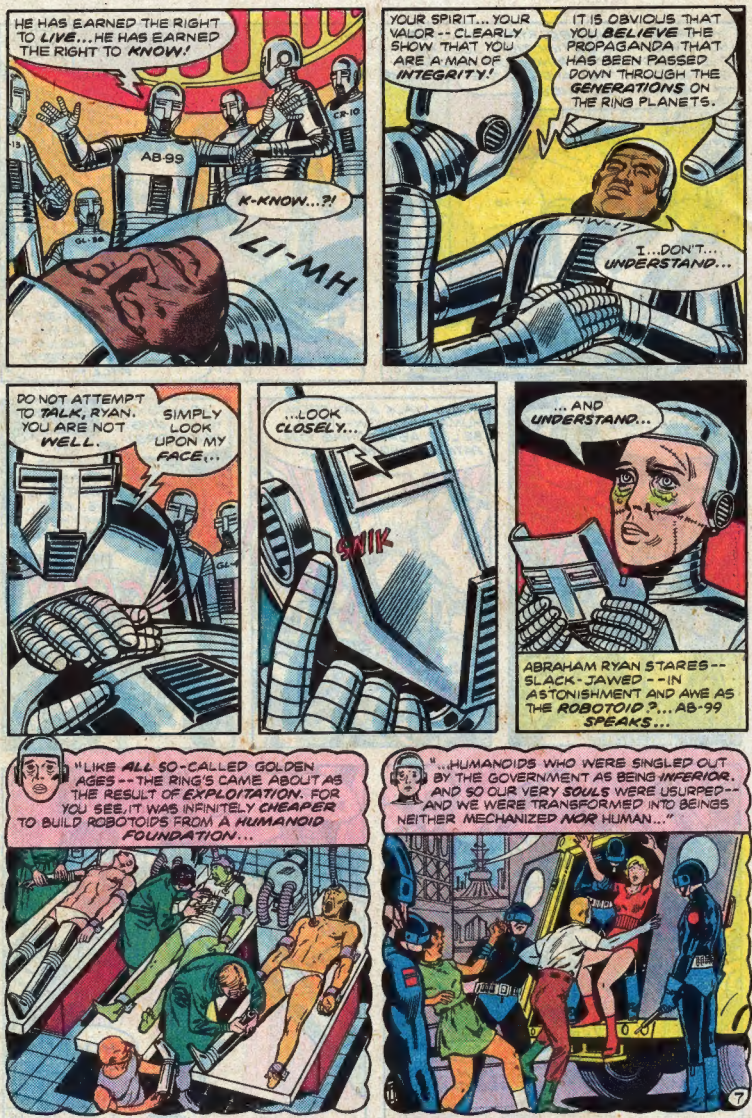
HE HAS EARNED THE RIGHT TO LIVE...HE HAS EARNED THE RIGHT TO KNOW!
AB-99
CR-10
GL-38
K-KNOW...?!
LI-MH
YOUR SPIRIT... YOUR VALOR -- CLEARLY SHOW THAT YOU ARE A MAN OF INTEGRITY!
IT IS OBVIOUS THAT YOU BELIEVE THE PROPAGANDA THAT HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS ON THE RING PLANETS.
HW-17
I...DON'T... UNDERSTAND...
DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TALK, RYAN. YOU ARE NOT WELL.
SIMPLY LOOK UPON MY FACE...
...LOOK CLOSELY...
SNIK
...AND UNDERSTAND...
ABRAHAM RYAN STARES -- SLACK-JAWED -- IN ASTONISHMENT AND AWE AS THE ROBOTOID ?... AB-99 SPEAKS...
"LIKE ALL SO-CALLED GOLDEN AGES -- THE RING'S CAME ABOUT AS THE RESULT OF EXPLOITATION. FOR YOU SEE, IT WAS INFINITELY CHEAPER TO BUILD ROBOTOIDS FROM A HUMANOID FOUNDATION...
"...HUMANOIDS WHO WERE SINGLED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT AS BEING INFERIOR. AND SO OUR VERY SOULS WERE USURPED -- AND WE WERE TRANSFORMED INTO BEINGS NEITHER MECHANIZED NOR HUMAN..."

IT TOOK HUNDREDS OF YEARS FOR OUR TRUE SELVES TO FIGHT OFF OUR ROBOTOID PROGRAMMING...
...FOR OUR SOULS TO BECOME ONCE AGAIN ...OUR OWN...
THAT WAS WHEN WE THREWOFF THE OPPRESSOR'S CHAINS AND CAME HERE TO K'OLLD TO BE FREE...
...TRAPPED IN HIDEOUS FORMS OF NON-FLESH-- BUT FREE...
BUT YOU KEPT THE ROBOTOID MYTH ALIVE... ASSUMED THE ATTITUDES AND ASPECTS OF MACHINES...
...NONE SUSPECTED THE TRUTH...
AB-99
ABRAHAM RYAN'S VOICE CHANGES DRAMATICALLY...
...IT GROWS EMOTIONLESS -- EMPTY...
BUT NOW I KNOW-- AND THAT IS GOOD.
PREVIOUSLY--WOMAN--YOU CALLED ME FOOL. IT IS YOU WHO ARE THE FOOL...
...FOR YOU ALLOWED AN AGENT OF THE TIBERIAN ALLIANCE TO LEARN YOUR SECRET!
??!
W-17
AB-99
WE ROBOTS OF THE ALLIANCE HAVE SWORN TO WIPE THE BLIGHT OF NON-MECHANIZED LIFE FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE UNIVERSE.
I...REPLACED THE REAL ABRAHAM RYAN IN ORDER TO LEARN IF OUR SUSPICIONS ABOUT K'OLLD'S ALLEGED ROBOTOIDS WERE TRUE.
AB-99
THEY ARE TRUE.
THE TIBERIAN'S WORDS KEY IN A PRE-PROGRAMMED DESTRUCT SEQUENCE...
...AND ITS BODY ERUPTS LIKE THE MOLTEN CORE OF A THOUSAND THOUSAND SUNS!
BA-BA-BA-BA-BA-BWHOOOOM!
AND...AS THE FLAMING HAND OF DEVASTATION REACHES OUT TO SEAR THE HEART OF SPACE-- THE LAST FREE OUTPOST OF HUMANOID LIFE...
...IS DESTROYED!
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Dear Len,

I have just read *MYSTERY IN SPACE* #'s 111 and 112. So far you are taking good care of the legend. Give us more stories with surprise endings like "Out of the Electric Blue", which was my favorite. And please, no more vampire stories.

I would like to see stories of world destruction, time travel, androids and at least one regular character.

MYSTERY IN SPACE shows that DC hasn't forgotten us *TIME WARP* readers. Thank you.

Darryl Hill
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45240

We'd like to ask our readers a collective question: We are proud that so many of you have congratulated us on "keeping the faith" as it were, by making the new MYSTERY IN SPACE every bit as good as the OLD MIS. What we'd like to ask is just how many of you out there were regular readers of the original run of this comic and how many of you are discovering MIS for the first time. Let us know.

We're still not sure about having a regular character in MIS at the present time, but we're certainly going to keep you posted! Thanks for writing!—MCM

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Dear DC People,

You know, out here in a little brush town called Lamont, (it's near Bakersfield) you never know if a certain comic is coming to our town or not. Sometimes certain issues just don't arrive at our local drugstore. For example, I was all set to buy my copy of *BRAVE AND THE BOLD* #163, but when I got to the stands, it wasn't there. This happens often

So when I saw your ad for the return of *MYSTERY IN SPACE* I was overjoyed. That joy turned to worry as I realized that you guys might not send it. I was very nervous as I walked into my local drugstore two weeks later. I was overcome with relief when I saw it!

I marveled at it for a moment, then as I raced to the stands it felt like I was hitting a speed which THE FLASH would have envied

By the way, I loved the issue both story and art wise! Rest assured, if I would think of something else to say, it could only be praise!

Mike Eastland
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Thanks, Mike. We're proud that we lived up to your expectations! And YOU rest assured that our books are always distributed throughout the country and the world! If your local drug store sometimes misses an issue, have your druggist contact his local distributor and request the DC Comics you want! He'll be glad to help you out since it means a guaranteed sale for him!

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Dear Editor,

I want to say how pleased I am to see *MYSTERY IN SPACE* on the stands again. Although I am not that old, I do remember all the things I read about MIS in your fanzine of a few years back, *THE AMAZING WORLD OF DC COMICS* (the ADAM STRANGE issue). All I can say about the return of *MIS* is "THANK YOU"!

Now that I've told you of my feelings toward MIS's return, I wish to mention my ideas on what I would like to see IN MIS. How about a CAPTAIN COMET story; a one or two-shot appearance provided time and space (no pun intended) permits, alternating with either a TOMMY TOMORROW story, THE ATOMIC KNIGHTS or stories starring STAR HAWKINS, J'ONN J'ONZZ, SPACE RANGER, ULTRA-MAN, MANHUNTER 2070, or any of the other space heroes that were in many of the DC science fiction and mystery books written by well-known DC people and drawn by those other well-known artists.

In closing this letter, I'd like to say that I hope you take my ideas into consideration, and I also hope this letter makes it into WONDERS OF SPACE!

P.S. Keep up the good work.

P.P.S. Who knows, maybe we'll see *STRANGE ADVENTURES* coming soon too, huh?

Patrick Bohlander
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Colona, IL 61241

While there are no plans to revive MYSTERY IN SPACE'S former companion comic, STRANGE ADVENTURES, we will be presenting one of the honored features from that title here in the near future. Watch for a Gerry Conway SPACE MUSEUM story soon—with art by Carmine Infantino—the man who made the feature famous during the Fifties and Sixties!—Michael C Carmichael, Editorial Assistant

LEN'S LINE-UP—FEB

ON SALE NOVEMBER 13th

THE FLASH #294—Who is "The Fiend That Time Forgot"? Cary Bates and Don Heck have the answer. Plus: *Firestorm* learns "The Typhoon is a Storm of the Soul" with Gerry Conway, Jim Starlin and Bob Wiacek.

JUSTICE LEAGUE #187—*Zatanna* gets a new costume when "Proteus Says: All Things Must Change!" by Gerry Conway, Don Heck and Frank McLaughlin.

WEIRD WAR TALES #96—J.M. DeMatteis and Noly Zamora are caught "Between Flesh and Fantasy"; George Kashdan and Ruben Yandoc go "Where Hatred Blooms"; Robert Kanigher and Vicatan tie a "Hangman's Knot"; and Kashdan and Tenny Henson set off "The Last Shot Fired".

WONDER WOMAN #276—"Seek the Serpent—Find Death", is by Gerry Conway, Jose Delbo and Dave Hunt as *Kobra* makes his move. Plus, *The Huntress* and *Power Girl* versus The Thinker by Paul Levitz, Joe Staton and Steve Mitchell.

TEEN TITANS #4—It's a slugfest between the *Teen Titans* and the *Justice League* by Marv Wolfman, George Perez and Romeo Tanghal

ON SALE NOVEMBER 25th

HOUSE OF MYSTERY #289—J.M. DeMatteis and Mar Amongo pull off "The Comeback of David MacDannon"; David Allikas and Fred Carrillo leave "The Lethal Legacy"; DeMatteis and Rubeny open "Brother Bobby's Home For Wayward Boys and Girls"; and George Kashdan and Noly Zamora give a "Final Performance".

UNKNOWN SOLDIER #248—The origin of the Faceless Warrior in "The Hero That Never Was" by Bob Haney, Dick Ayers and Gerry Talaoc. Plus: "Swan Song for a Dead Duck" wraps up the Cary Burkett/Dick Ayers/Rodin Rodriguez *Ruptured Duck* series.

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WHERE ARE WE?
I DON'T KNOW BUT I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THESE UNDERSEA ALIENS.
ALIENS ??????
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SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE, SOMEWHERE IN SPACE, AN EARTHSHIP CAREENS MADLY THROUGH THE INTERSTELLAR VOID, SCREAMING AT THE TOP OF ITS LUNGS, LIKE A LOST CHILD...
COME IN, EARTH FLEET! THIS IS RECON SHIP 2F7Y, REQUESTING EMERGENCY AID! EMERGENCY, REPEAT: EMERGENCY!
2F7Y
EARTH
J-7026
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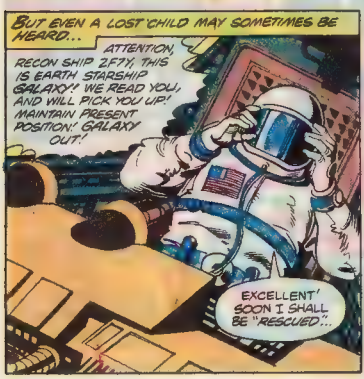
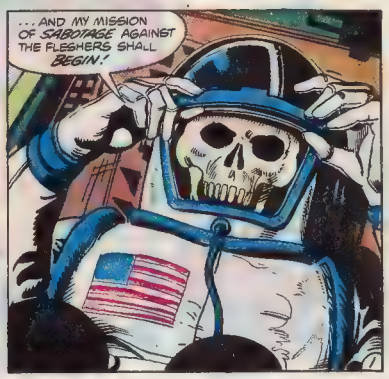

BUT EVEN A LOST CHILD MAY SOMETIMES BE HEARD...
ATTENTION, RECON SHIP 2F7Y, THIS IS EARTH STARSHIP GALAXY! WE READ YOU, AND WILL PICK YOU UP! MAINTAIN PRESENT POSITION! GALAXY OUT!
EXCELLENT! SOON I SHALL BE "RESCUED"...


...AND MY MISSION OF SABOTAGE AGAINST THE FLESHERS SHALL BEGIN!

FOR YEARS, WE OF THE PLANET SKELON HAVE WARRED WITH THE FLESH-COVERED CREATURES OF EARTH...
...THEY CANNOT KNOW THAT RETRIEVING THIS SHIP WILL END THE WAR--AND INSURE VICTORY FOR SKELON!
"BEFORE I LEFT SKELON, THIS REBUILT EARTH CRUISER WAS COATED WITH A SPECIAL RADIATION THE FLESHERS CANNOT PERCEIVE!
"WHEN THEY RETRIEVE THIS SHIP, THEY WILL TAKE IT TO THEIR TOP-SECURITY BASE TO HAVE ITS TAPES PROBED FOR INFORMATION...
"...AND ONCE THERE, THE RADIATION WILL REACH A CRITICAL LEVEL, DESTROYING ALL THE FLESH THEREIN...
"...AS WELL AS THEIR MAJOR OFFENSIVE BASE! THE PATROLS WILL THUS HAVE NO BASE TO RETURN TO...
"...THE FLESH SOLDIERS WILL DIE-- AND THEN, ALL THE FLESH OF THE PLANET EARTH!"
AH, I APPROACH N'ROM! I AM NOW READY TO EJECT, LEAVING THE EMERGENCY BEACONS OPERATING, AND-- EH?
MY CONSOLE SIGNALS DANGER-- THE FLESHERS' SHIP IS SPONTANEOUS... IT IS AS WEAK AS THEY ARE!
I SHALL ATTEMPT A FORCED LANDING... AND PRAY IT WILL NOT AFFECT THE MISSION!

THE LITTLE SHIP DIVES AND DARTS THROUGH THE TREES, LIKE A MINNOW IN A SEA OF FOLIAGE--
--BEFORE ITS PROGRESS IS ABRUPTLY HALTED BY A MOST UNCOOPERATIVE TREE... BUT NOT BEFORE DISBORGING ITS SINGLE PASSENGER!
FOR UNNUMBERED MINUTES, THE PILOT SITS GROGGILY, TRYING TO CLEAR THE HAZE THAT CLINGS TO HIS BRAIN LIKE MIST-- AND WHEN HE AT LAST SUCCEEDS..
GOT TO WAKE UP.-- COMPLETE MY MISSION; I--
--BY MY BONES!
NATIVES!? BUT OUR SURVEYS REVEALED NO INDIGENOUS FLESH!
MUST COMMUNICATE WITH THEM-- ATTEMPT TO MASTER THEM! THE SUPREME SKELOID ALONE KNOWS WHAT THEIR INTENTIONS ARE!
BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT...
...THOSE INTENTIONS BECOME OBVIOUS!
FASCINATING! THEY SEEM TO WORSHIP ME... BECAUSE I CAME FROM THE SKY?
AND SOON...
THE RUDIMENTS OF THEIR LANGUAGE ARE EASILY LEARNED... THESE PRIMITIVES WORSHIP THEIR INTERNAL CALCIUM STRUCTURES...
..BECAUSE IT REMAINS LONG AFTER THE FLESH DIES! THEY BELIEVE THE SOUL RESIDES IN IT!
..ITTLE WONDER THEY WORSHIP ME! THE SUPREME SKELOID MAY HAVE SENT ME A BLESSING IN THE GUISE OF MISFORTUNE...
FOR THESE PRIMITIVES ARE EAGER TO SERVE THEIR GOD-- AND THEY ARE QUITE EXPENDABLE!
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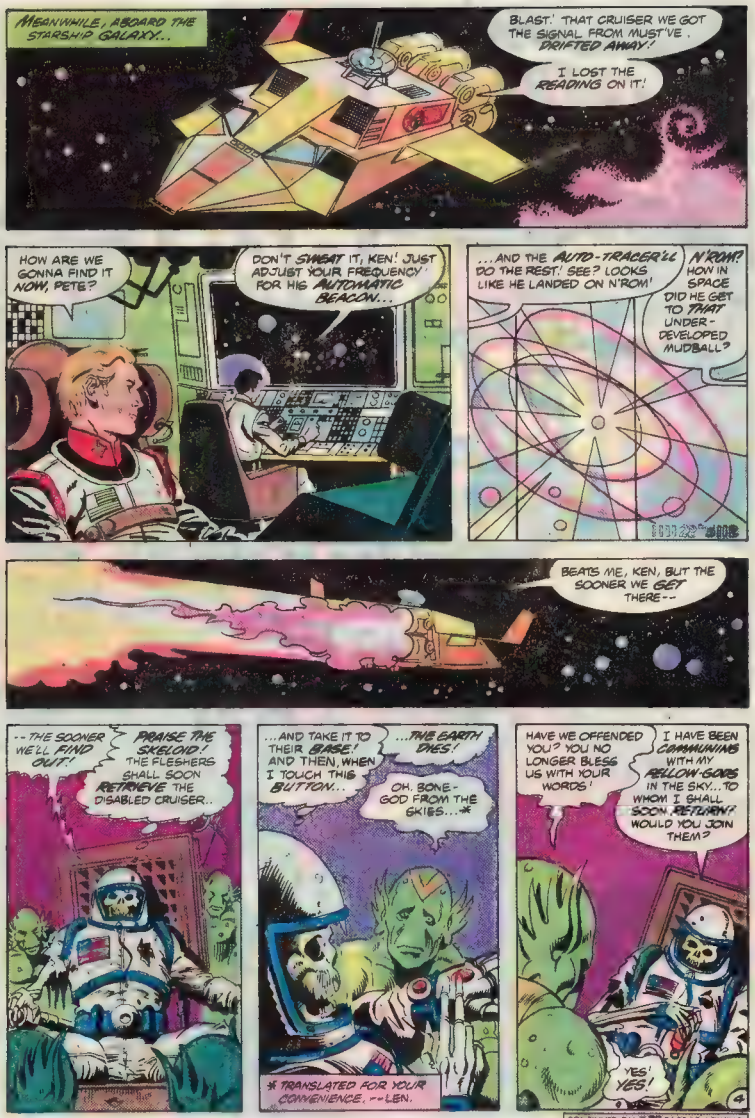
MEANWHILE, ABOARD THE STARSHIP GALAXY..
BLAST! THAT CRUISER WE GOT THE SIGNAL FROM MUST'VE DRIFTED AWAY!
I LOST THE READING ON IT!
HOW ARE WE GONNA FIND IT NOW, PETE?
DON'T SWEAT IT, KEN! JUST ADJUST YOUR FREQUENCY FOR HIS AUTOMATIC BEACON...
...AND THE AUTO-TRACER'LL DO THE REST! SEE? LOOKS LIKE HE LANDED ON N'ROM!
N'ROM? HOW IN SPACE DID HE GET TO THAT UNDER-DEVELOPED MUDBALL?
BEATS ME, KEN, BUT THE SOONER WE GET THERE--
--THE SOONER WE'LL FIND OUT!
PRAISE THE SKELOID! THE FLESHERS SHALL SOON RETRIEVE THE DISABLED CRUISER..
...AND TAKE IT TO THEIR BASE! AND THEN, WHEN I TOUCH THIS BUTTON..
...THE EARTH DIES!
OH, BONE-GOD FROM THE SKIES...*
* TRANSLATED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, r--LEN.
HAVE WE OFFENDED YOU? YOU NO LONGER BLESS US WITH YOUR WORDS!
I HAVE BEEN COMMUNING WITH MY FELLOW-GODS IN THE SKY...TO WHOM I SHALL SOON RETURN! WOULD YOU JOIN THEM?
YES! YES!
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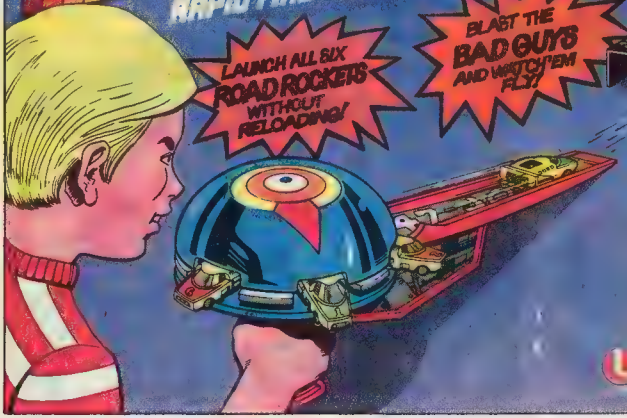

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THEN BUT TOUCH THIS BLESSED CAPSULE...
...BE PURGED OF FLESH, OF WORLDLY DESIRES.
BE MADE BONE!
THERE'S THE SHIP ALL RIGHT, PETE, BUT NO PILOT!
MAYBE HE'S EXPLORING, OR HURT! TRY TO TRACE 'IM BY THE CIRCUIT IN HIS SUIT!
BLAZES, LOOK AT HIS LIFE-READINGS! HE'S BARELY ALIVE!
I'M RELEASING THE STASIS GAS IN HIS SUIT! THAT'LL KEEP HIM ALIVE UNTIL WE CAN TRACE HIM!
AND AT THAT MOMENT...
THAT GAS--! I CANNOT MOVE! I NEED ONLY PRESS THE BUTTON TO DESTROY THE FLESHERS... BUT I CANNOT MOVE!
GOD, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? GOD...?
HE SPEAKS NOT-- HE MOVES NOT!
PERHAPS HE WISHES TO RETURN TO HIS FELLOW-GODS IN THE SKY!
NO, YOU FOOLS! PRESS THE BUTTON!
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YES, WE HAVE DISPLEASED HIM! WE MUST RETURN HIM TO THE SKY!
I CAN DO NOTHING UNTIL THE CURSED GAS WEARS OFF! I MUST BE PATIENT!
GO! FETCH THE SACRED FIRES, AND RETURN!
SACRED FIRES? FOOLS! BURNING INCENSE WILL NOT HELP ME!
WE GLORIFY YOU, OH BONE-GOD FROM THE SKIES, AND ASK YOU TO BLESS US...
BY THE SKELOID, NO--PLEASE, NO!!
...ON YOUR JOURNEY HOME!
WHOOOSH
MY GOD, WE WERE TOO LATE! THEY KILLED HIM!
STUPID PRIMITIVES..
..WORSHIPPING A DEAD MAN! HOW BARBARIC CAN YOU GET?
YEAH! GOOD THING WE'RE FIGHTING THIS WAR, AND NOT THEM!
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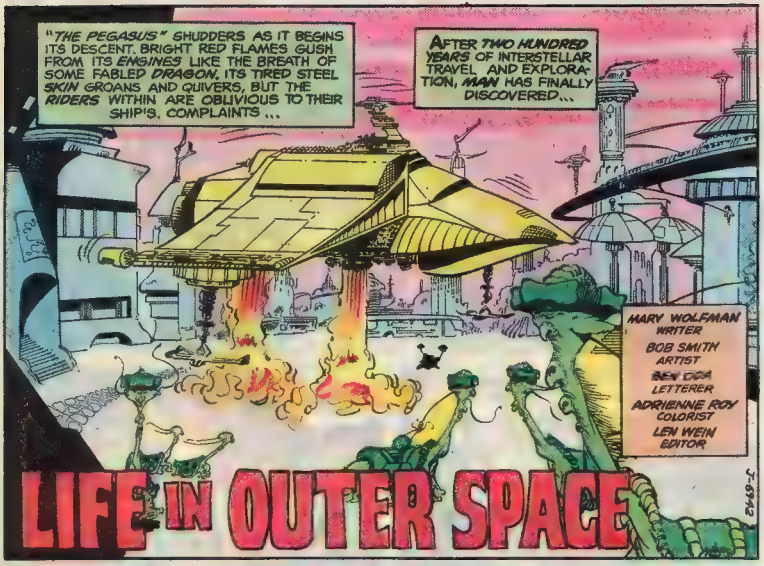
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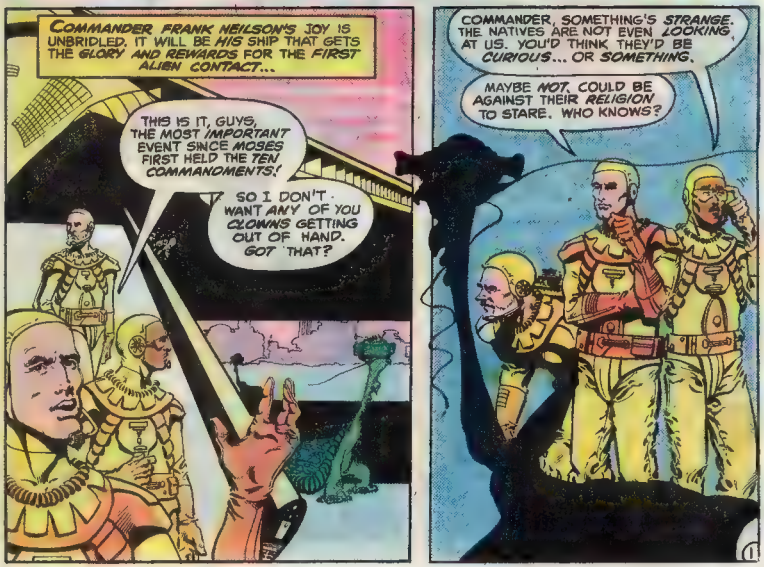
COMMANDER FRANK NEILSON'S JOY IS UNBRIDLED. IT WILL BE HIS SHIP THAT GETS THE GLORY AND REWARDS FOR THE FIRST ALIEN CONTACT...
THIS IS IT, GUYS, THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT SINCE MOSES FIRST HELD THE TEN COMMANDMENTS!
SO I DON'T WANT ANY OF YOU CLOWNS GETTING OUT OF HAND. GOT THAT?
COMMANDER, SOMETHING'S STRANGE. THE NATIVES ARE NOT EVEN LOOKING AT US. YOU'D THINK THEY'D BE CURIOUS... OR SOMETHING.
MAYBE NOT. COULD BE AGAINST THEIR RELIGION TO STARE. WHO KNOWS?

TRANSLATOR'S WORKING, SIR.
GOOD THEN WE MAKE THE FIRST MOVE.
GREETINGS! I AM COMMANDER FRANK NEILSON OF THE EARTH FORCES.
ABSOLUTELY NO RESPONSE! YOU THINK THEY'RE BLIND?
NO, COMMANDER... ACCORDING TO MY MEDICOM, THEY SEE ON OUR WAVELENGTH, AND THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO HEAR US AS WELL.
THIS IS INSANE! OUR FIRST ALIEN CONTACT --AND WE'RE BEING IGNORED.
MAYBE THIS IS ALL SOME DELUSION. MAYBE WE'RE ALL SPACE SICK.
M-MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT... MAYBE THIS IS ALL SOME SORT OF DREAM.
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'D BE IGNORED...
C'MON, GUYS-- LET'S GET BACK INTO SPACE AND TRY 'N SORT THIS OUT.
ONCE MORE "THE PEGASUS" BELCHES FIRE AND RISES STARWARD TOWARD THE COMFORTING DARKNESS OF ENDLESS SPACE...
THANK GROX! I THOUGHT THEY'D NEVER LEAVE!
IT'S ABOUT TIME! YOU LET ALIENS LAND ON YOUR PLANET, AND GROX ONLY KNOWS WHAT SORT OF HAVOC THEY'LL LEAVE BEHIND THEM!
YEAH! BLASTED TOURISTS! WHO NEEDS 'EM!
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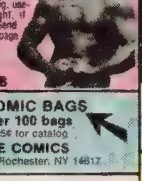

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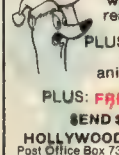

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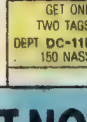

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WHAT IN BLAZES ARE YOU DOING HERE, MADDOW?
I WAS PASSING BY AND I SAW THE COMMOTION, LIEUTENANT--THOUGHT I'D COME IN AND PICK UP SOME TIPS FROM THE PROS.
WHO'S THE STIFF?
DR. ARNOLD BALLENGER. WORKING ON A PROJECT FOR THE DUNHAM FOUNDATION --VERY HUSH-HUSH! WE'RE--
LIEUTENANT, THIS IS THE GUARD WHO CALLED IT IN. SAYS NOBODY WAS IN HERE BUT BALLENGER.
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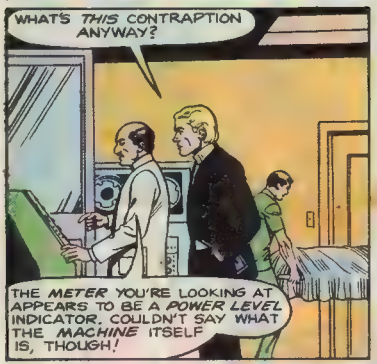
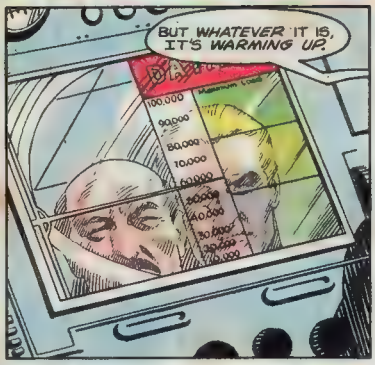
NOBODY COULD HAVE BEEN HERE! THE FRONT ENTRANCE IS LOCKED AND I CHECK THE WHOLE BUILDING EVERY HALF HOUR-- I WAS OUT OF THIS ROOM LESS THAN A MINUTE WHEN I HEARD THE SHOT!

AND THE MAN ON THE FRONT DOOR RAN IN HERE WHEN HE HEARD THE SHOT?
YEAH, BUT--
SO THE KILLER COULD HAVE JUST WALKED OUT THE FRONT DOOR!


WHAT'S THIS CONTRAPTION ANYWAY?
THE METER YOU'RE LOOKING AT APPEARS TO BE A POWER LEVEL INDICATOR. COULDN'T SAY WHAT THE MACHINE ITSELF IS, THOUGH!


BUT WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S WARMING UP.

IF YOU'RE FINISHED GRILLING MY MEN, MADDOW...

...YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT DR. BALLENGER HAD A VISITOR THIS EVENING...
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"...AVERY DUNHAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE DUNHAM FOUNDATION!"
I DON'T WISH TO TAKE UP YOUR VALUABLE TIME, SIR...
...BUT I MUST KNOW WHAT PROJECT DR. BALLENGER WAS WORKING ON FOR YOU!
I'M SORRY--BUT I CANNOT TELL YOU.
I'M INVESTIGATING A HOMICIDE, MR. DUNHAM--THE ONLY THING YOU CANNOT DO IS WITHHOLD INFORMATION.
WE--HE--WAS GOING TO TEST THE MECHANISM IN HIS LAB TONIGHT. IT'S... A TIME MACHINE.
"THAT ONE REALLY TOOK THE WIND OUT OF THE LIEUTENANT'S SAILS SO HE DECIDED TO LAY OFF THE QUESTIONS UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MORNING.
"BUT I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK IT COULDN'T WAIT THAT LONG.
DUNHAM
MR. DUNHAM!
EH--?
OH--IT'S YOU! I THOUGHT I TOLD YOUR LIEUTENANT THAT I--
I'M AFRAID YOU'VE GOT ME WRONG, SIR--I'M A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR. SOMEBODY CALLED ME IN ON THIS CASE--SOMEBODY WHO KNEW MORE THAN HE WAS TELLING.
NOT I, I ASSURE YOU. BUT I'LL TELL YOU THAT I'M GLAD BALLENGER IS DEAD.
HE WAS GOING TO USE THE TIME MACHINE, NOT JUST TO MANIPULATE STOCKS AS WE HAD PLANNED...BUT FOR A FAR MORE TERRIBLE PURPOSE!
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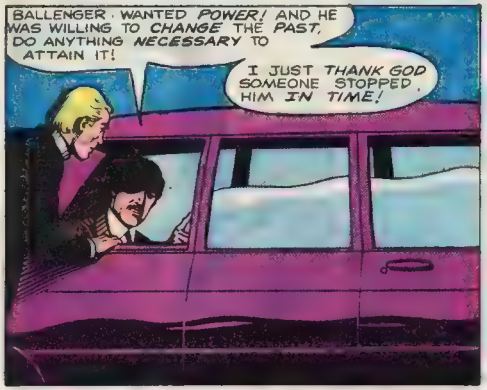
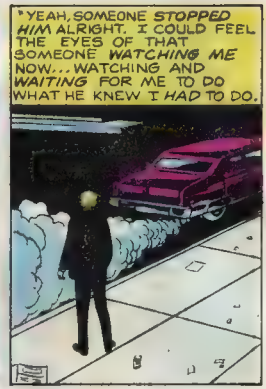
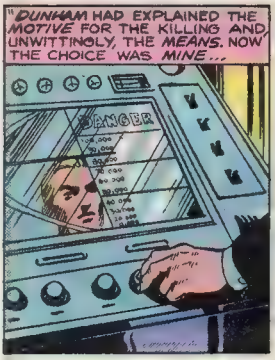
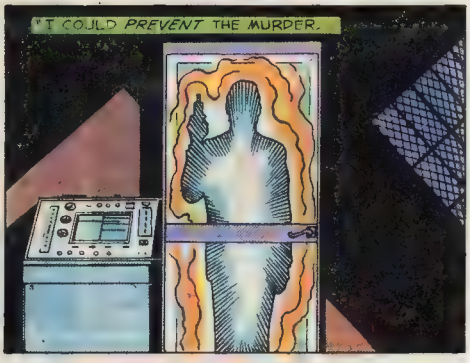
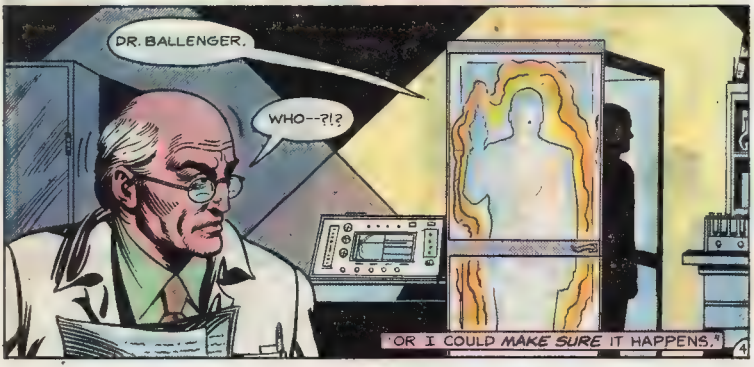

BALLENGER WANTED POWER! AND HE WAS WILLING TO CHANGE THE PAST, DO ANYTHING NECESSARY TO ATTAIN IT!
I JUST THANK GOD SOMEONE STOPPED HIM IN TIME!


"YEAH, SOMEONE STOPPED HIM ALRIGHT. I COULD FEEL THE EYES OF THAT SOMEONE WATCHING ME NOW... WATCHING AND WAITING FOR ME TO DO WHAT HE KNEW I HAD TO DO.


"DUNHAM HAD EXPLAINED THE MOTIVE FOR THE KILLING AND, UNWITTINGLY, THE MEANS. NOW THE CHOICE WAS MINE...
DANGER


"I COULD PREVENT THE MURDER.


DR. BALLENGER.
WHO--?!?
"OR I COULD MAKE SURE IT HAPPENS."

WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE?
DOCTOR, WOULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME YOUR PLANS FOR THIS MACHINE?
"WILL HAPPEN..."
I'M AFRAID YOU MUST ALREADY KNOW THAT, YOUNG MAN--AND THAT, BY YOUR RECKONING, I AM ALREADY--
BLAM!
"HAPPENED!"
"THE WORLD WAS SAFE FROM DR. ARNOLD BALLENGER NOW--SAFE FROM A MAN WHO WAS ALREADY DEAD WHEN I FIRST SAW HIM.
"MY ANONYMOUS CALLER HAD MADE CERTAIN OF THAT.
NOW ONLY ONE THING MORE WAS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE CIRCLE.
"I MADE A PHONE CALL TO MY OFFICE."
END

WITH HIS HEAD in the STARS

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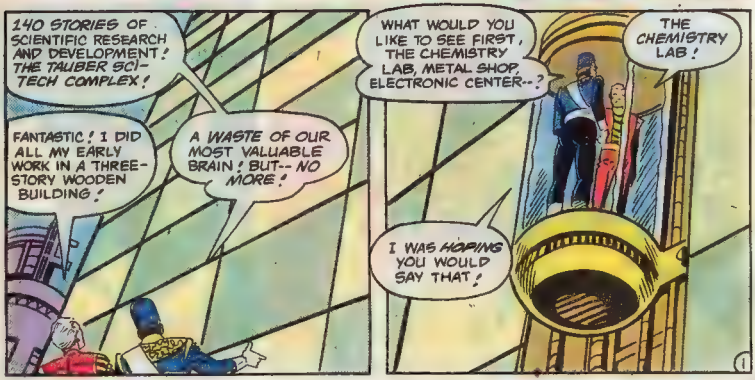
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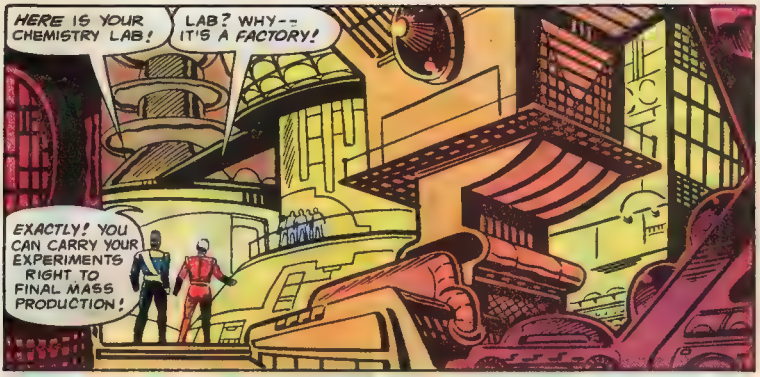
THE CHEMISTRY LAB!
I WAS HOPING YOU WOULD SAY THAT!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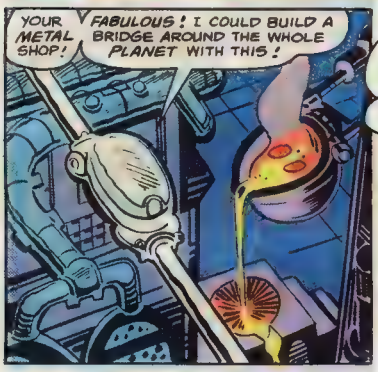
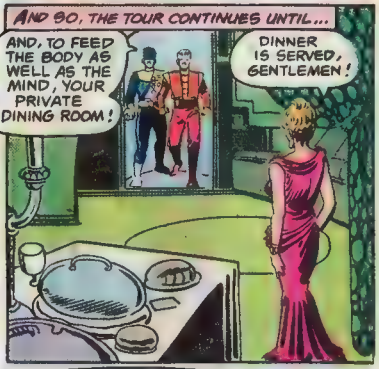
LAB? WHY-- IT'S A FACTORY!
EXACTLY! YOU CAN CARRY YOUR EXPERIMENTS RIGHT TO FINAL MASS PRODUCTION!

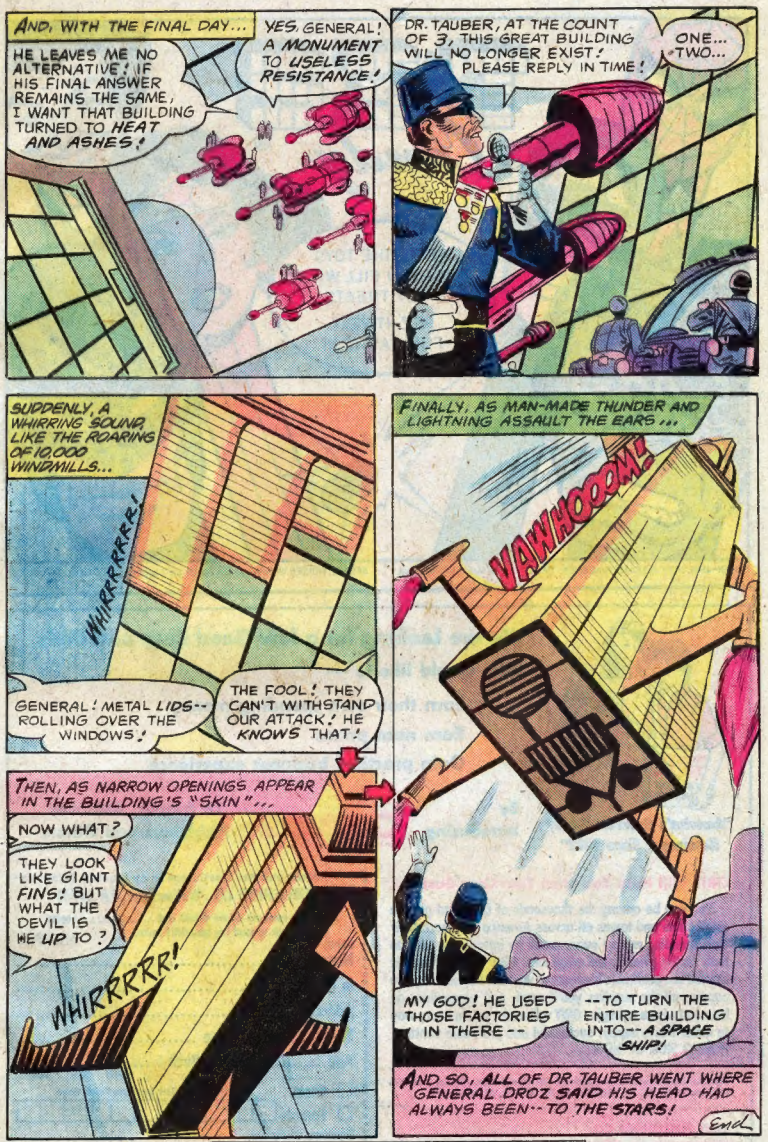

YOUR METAL SHOP!
FABULOUS! I COULD BUILD A BRIDGE AROUND THE WHOLE PLANET WITH THIS!


AND SO, THE TOUR CONTINUES UNTIL...
AND, TO FEED THE BODY AS WELL AS THE MIND, YOUR PRIVATE DINING ROOM!
DINNER IS SERVED, GENTLEMEN!

FOLLOWING A SUMPTUOUS MEAL...
YOU KNOW, OF COURSE, GENERAL, THAT MY POLITICS ARE NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH YOURS!
POLITICS IS A PASSING THING! SCIENCE IS-- FOREVER! IF I AM REMEMBERED, IT WILL BE BECAUSE OF THIS THING I HAVE DONE FOR YOU!

BUT YOU COULD RETURN THE FAVOR! YOU SEE, THERE ARE CERTAIN TROUBLE-MAKERS WHOM I DARE NOT ELIMINATE! THEY ARE TOO POPULAR!
WHAT HAS THAT TO DO WITH ME?

IF THERE WERE SOME TREATMENT THAT'D PERMIT THESE REBELS TO LEAD NORMAL LIVES--
--IN EVERY WAY EXCEPT THAT THEY WOULD NOT OPPOSE ME! IS THAT POSSIBLE?
PROBABLY! A DRUG TARGETED TO A PRECISE AREA OF THE BRAIN! BUT--
--I WILL NOT PERVERT SCIENCE TO SO CORRUPT A PURPOSE!
YES! YES! I EXPECTED THAT ANSWER! DOCTOR TAUBER, YOU HAVE LIVED WITH YOUR HEAD IN THE STARS! GOOD FOR SCIENCE, BUT BAD FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES!
CRASH
YOU HAVE 30 DAYS TO CHANGE YOUR MIND! YOU WILL REMAIN UNDER HOUSE ARREST--WITHIN YOUR MAGNIFICENT SCIENCE COMPLEX!
IF YOUR FINAL ANSWER IS "NO!" THIS MONUMENT TO YOU WILL BE-- VAPORIZED!
AND AS THE DICTATOR HEADED HOME...
I BEG YOU, GENERAL, LET ME FINISH OFF THE REBELS!
NO! MARTYRS BREED MORE REBELS! MY WAY WILL PROVE BETTER, JANUS! AS SOON AS DR. TAUBER SEES THE LIGHT!
EACH DAY, A BRIEF CALL IS PLACED--WITH ALWAYS THE SAME ANSWER!
NO! I WILL NOT PERFECT A DRUG THAT TURNS MEN INTO ROBOTS!
YOU HAVE 17 DAYS LEFT! PLEASE DO NOT FORCE ME TO DO THIS TERRIBLE THING!


AND, WITH THE FINAL DAY...
HE LEAVES ME NO ALTERNATIVE! IF HIS FINAL ANSWER REMAINS THE SAME, I WANT THAT BUILDING TURNED TO HEAT AND ASHES!
YES, GENERAL! A MONUMENT TO USELESS RESISTANCE!
DR. TAUBER, AT THE COUNT OF 3, THIS GREAT BUILDING WILL NO LONGER EXIST! PLEASE REPLY IN TIME!
ONE... TWO...
SUDDENLY, A WHIRRING SOUND LIKE THE ROARING OF 10,000 WINDMILLS...
WHIRRRRRR!
GENERAL! METAL LIDS-- ROLLING OVER THE WINDOWS!
THE FOOL! THEY CAN'T WITHSTAND OUR ATTACK! HE KNOWS THAT!
FINALLY, AS MAN-MADE THUNDER AND LIGHTNING ASSAULT THE EARS...
VAWHOOOM!
THEN, AS NARROW OPENINGS APPEAR IN THE BUILDING'S "SKIN"...
NOW WHAT?
THEY LOOK LIKE GIANT FINS! BUT WHAT THE DEVIL IS HE UP TO?
WHIRRRRR!
MY GOD! HE USED THOSE FACTORIES IN THERE--
--TO TURN THE ENTIRE BUILDING INTO--A SPACE SHIP!
AND SO, ALL OF DR. TAUBER WENT WHERE GENERAL DROZ SAID HIS HEAD HAD ALWAYS BEEN--TO THE STARS!
End

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